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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/18/03	01/11/03
BRO-FRY	158,963	159,376
LT HENS	2,056	1,891
HVY HENS	1,558	1,462

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	169	4	173
LAST WEEK	101	0	101
SAME WEEK YR AGO	200	0	200
TO-DATE/2003	169	4	173
TO-DATE/2002	200	0	200

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,348	1,131	2,479
LAST WEEK	1,068	678	1,746
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,636	1,171	2,807
TO-DATE/2003	1,348	1,131	2,479
TO-DATE/2002	1,636	1,171	2,807

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 11-Jan-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,541	1,736	1,413	3,149
AVG WT	5.11	3.32	7.75	5.31
HEAD SLTR COMPARIIONS				
LAST WEEK	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306
SAME WK YR AGO	159,574	1,974	1,378	3,352
AVG WT	5.10	3.61	7.86	5.36
TO-DATE/2003	279,334	2,915	2,540	5,455
TO-DATE/2002	277,843	3,410	2,549	5,959

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 5.3 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING January 11, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	19,242	18,030	38,654
Avg Weight	3.79	4.70	6.04
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%

COMPARISONS

Last week	20,200	13,130	30,903
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	6.17
% of total /1	31%	20%	48%

Same week, yr ago /2	25,261	14,782	37,806
Avg Weight	3.84	4.77	6.23
% of total /1	32%	19%	49%

To date/2003	19,242	18,030	38,654
To date/2002	25,261	14,782	37,806

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-Jan-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,774	2,609	76	19	4,478
AVG WT	15.42	38.76	26.55	29.20	29.27
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
SAME WK YR AGO	1,840	2,790	34	2	4,666
AVG WT	16.31	37.85	26.31	53.84	28.69
TO-DATE/2003	3,039	4,596	94	28	7,757
TO-DATE/2002	3,102	4,668	67	2	7,839

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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